

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 744

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Robert G. Rosenbaum on the occasion of his retirement as CEO and President of Goodwill Industries-Knoxville, Inc.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Robert G. Rosenbaum, Ed.D, is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty years with Goodwill Industries-Knoxville, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenbaum will be taking a much deserved retirement as CEO and President on June 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenbaum will continue to serve Goodwill in a new role to establish the Goodwill Foundation of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, he joined Goodwill Industries-Knoxville in 1974 as the Director of Rehabilitation, and in 1975, he became the organization's President and Chief Executive Officer, in which role he has served with an unwavering dedication to excellence and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Goodwill Industries-Knoxville, under Dr. Rosenbaum's leadership, has maintained the highest standards and, in 2013, received its thirteenth consecutive three-year accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert Rosenbaum has transformed Goodwill Industries-Knoxville into a very successful organization, cultivating it from a program which once served less than seventy-five individuals annually from one location into an organization that offers comprehensive services and programs at thirty-three locations, served 5,203 individuals in 2013 alone, carries a

staff of more than 450 dedicated employees, operates with an annual budget of more than \$16 million, and facilitates service delivery throughout a fifteen-county area; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenbaum is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations. He is a former member of the Exchange Club of Knoxville, a former board member of the East Tennessee Substance Abuse Council, a board member and former chairman of the Coalition of Industrial Facilities, a former member of the Private Industry Council, a former member of the board of directors of the YMCA Metropolitan, a member of the board of directors and former chair of YMCA Camp Montvale, a member of the Leadership Education Class Selection Committee of The Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership, a member of the development committee and board of directors of the Teacher Supply Depot, and a member of the Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership Government Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Robert Rosenbaum is the recipient of the Mayor's Merit Award, the City of Knoxville's Employer of the Year Award, Governor McWherter's Certificate of Appreciation, the Tennessee Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities Employer of the Year Award, a Letter of Outstanding Achievements from President George W. and First Lady Laura Bush, and the Tennessee Recycling Coalition Non-profit Recycler of the Year award, among many others; and

WHEREAS, under his guidance, Goodwill Industries-Knoxville garnered a number of awards from Goodwill Industries International, including the Department of Labor National Site Award in 1991, the Department of Education Site of the Year Award in 1994, the Projects with Industry Site of Distinction Award of 1996, and Best Performance Expense to Revenue Ratio Award of 2003; and

WHEREAS, in his forty years with Goodwill Industries-Knoxville, Dr. Rosenbaum exhibited a sincere dedication to providing individuals vocational training and job opportunities and implemented many programs to meet these aims, including Beyond Jobs, Driver's Education, Employment Skills Training, Extended Employment, Industrial Services Division Training, and Selective Employment, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rosenbaum exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Robert Rosenbaum demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Robert G. Rosenbaum our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement as CEO and President and every continued success in his future endeavors of establishing the Goodwill Foundation of Knoxville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.